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Dear Joshua:

Many thanks for your letter of June 2. From the point of view of the session on Microbial Genetics and the Symposium I do not see any reason why your presence on Monday, August 4, would be unavoidably necessary. On the other hand, I know that Hedén has planned to arrange a session on Cosmic Microbiology according to your suggestion and there may be other official functions at which you might be wanted by the Congress. I do not know any details about them and particularly I do not know whether anything of this sort would be going on on Monday; I have tried to reach Hedén but he is out of town this week and I shall be leaving next week myself. But perhaps you might drop him a line and check with him on this matter. From the point of view of the session on Genetics I do not see any difficulty with your arriving on Monday, August 4, except that I hope that you will have a chance to talk with your speakers and discussers before the symposium. I am very sorry to say that so far we have only received one abstract for the symposium although they were all due to arrive by May 15. It came from Jacob. I have written several letters to remember the other three speakers and I have definite promise from Stocker about an abstract within a day or two. If you have Cavalli with you, would you please contact him about this? I am particularly concerned about the discussers who really ought to have some idea about what they are going to discuss.

Please do not feel in any way obliged to stay after the Congress because of our contribution to your travel expenses. This contribution was due to the fact that we feel very much obliged to you for all the wonderful discussions and suggestions that came from you. I hope that we can manage some discussion during the congress itself. Of course, we should be delighted the longer you could stay. However, I would not like you to feel obliged in any way since I know how many commitments you have. I should like to discuss some points with you, also in connection with your own research, but this ought to be feasible in one way or another during or immediately after the congress. I do not intend to go to Uppsala after the Congress. If you can stay a day or two extra it would be wonderful; if not, we shall

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arrange social and scientific discussion during the Congress.

It would be wonderful to do some traveling together after the congress and we shall certainly give some thought to this matter. At the moment, however, our plans are in a chaotic state, to say the least, because of the meeting in Canada, the Cancer Congress in London and the Congress here in August. There are so many different factors, scientific, institutional and familial, interwoven in a single network that I simply do not see how it will all work out. I am sure you will find this a familiar theme. Please make your own plans as you like it best fit and as soon as we see how things work out for us we shall let you know.

I expect to be at Syvertson's laboratory in Minneapolis next week (Thursday and Friday) before going to Canada. If there would be anything of urgency that would turn up, you can reach me there. After the Canadian meeting I shall return immediately to Stockholm and I expect to be back by June 22.

With warmest greetings, also to Esther,

yours as ever,

  
George Klein

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*P.S. The abstracts of Sticher and Eplemson-Pazin  
just arrived. Cavalli is still missing.*